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INSURANCE COMPANY (THE)

Cause: 201617522 CDI: 7 Court: 295

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ACTIVE PARTIES

Name Type Post Attorney

Jdgm

SAXON, STACEY PLAINTIFF - CIVIL HERREN,

WILLIAM. C

6/2/2016

901 KOBAYASHI ROAD, WEBSTER, TX 77598

LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE **DEFENDANT - CIVIL**

COMPANY (THE)

211 EAST 7TH STREET, AUSTIN, TX 78701

LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE REGISTERED AGENT

COMPANY (THE) CAN BE SERVED BY SERVING

INACTIVE PARTIES

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Stacey Saxon	§	IN THE DISTRICT COURT
Plaintiff	§	
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vs.	§	
	§	OF HARRIS COUNTY TEXAS
The Lincoln National Life Insurance	§	
Company	§	
Defendant	8	JUDICIAL DISTRICT

PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION

Plaintiff Stacey Saxon alleges as follows:

Discovery Control Plan

- 1. Plaintiff is a resident and citizen of Harris County, Texas.
- 2. Defendant is an insurer engaged in the business of insurance in Texas and can be served by serving its Registered Agent for Service of Process as follows:

Corporation Service Company 211 East 7th Street, Suite 620 Austin, Texas 78701-3218

The Nature of this suit.

3. This suit is brought to recover damages for breach of an agreement to pay disability benefits pursuant to a contract or policy of insurance ("the Policy") and for statutory damages. The Policy, identified as Policy Number 00085000813300000, was issued to Plaintiff's employer, Galveston County, by Defendant.

BREACH OF CONTRACT

- 4. Plaintiff is covered by and is a beneficiary of the Policy.
- 5. All conditions precedent to bringing this suit have been performed or have occurred.

Any notice required by the Policy has been made or has been waived by Defendant.

- 6. Plaintiff has fully performed her obligations under the terms of the Policy.
- 7. Plaintiff is disabled due to disease.
- 8. Defendant breached its contractual obligations under the Policy by failing to pay and refusing to pay benefits due to Plaintiff pursuant to the terms of the Policy.
- 9. Defendant's actions show a fixed intention to abandon, renounce, and refuse to perform the contract without just cause.

STATUTORY DAMAGES PURSUANT TO TEXAS INSURANCE CODE

- 10. Plaintiff asserts her cause of action pursuant to Tex. Ins. Code § 541.151 against Defendant. She alleges that Defendant engaged in an act or practice defined by Tex. Ins. Code, Chapter 541, Sub-chapter B, to be an unfair method of competition or an unfair or deceptive act or practice in the business of insurance. Plaintiff alleges that Defendant engaged in one or more of the practices enumerated in Tex. Ins. Code §§ 541.060 and 541.061, namely ...
- 11. § 541.060. Unfair Settlement Practices
 - a. misrepresenting to claimant a material fact or policy provision relating to coverage at issue [541.060 (a) (1)];
 - b. failing to attempt in good faith to effectuate a prompt, fair, and equitable settlement of Plaintiff's claim with respect to which the insurer's liability has become reasonably clear [541.060 (a)(2)(A)];
 - c. failing to promptly provide to a policyholder a reasonable explanation of the basis in the policy, in relation to the facts or applicable law, for the insurer's denial of a claim or offer of a compromise settlement of a claim [541.060 (a)(3)];
 - d. refusing to pay a claim without conducting a reasonable investigation with respect to the claim [541.060 (a)(7)]; and
- 12. § 541.061. Misrepresentation of Insurance Policy
 - a. making an untrue statement of material fact [541.061 (1)];
 - b. failing to state a material fact necessary to make other statements made not misleading, considering the circumstances under which the statements were made [541.061 (2)];

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- c. making a statement in a manner that would mislead a reasonable prudent person to a false conclusion of a material fact [541.061 (3)];
- d. making a material misstatement of law [541.061 (4)].
- 13. Pursuant to Tex. Ins. Code § 541.152 Plaintiff alleges that Defendant knowingly committed one or more of the act or acts alleged herein and proscribed by Tex. Ins. Code §§ 541.060 and 541.061. For purposes of this allegation the term "knowingly" is defined by Tex. Ins. Code § 541.002 (1).
- 14. Plaintiff alleges that Defendant received all items, statements, and forms that were reasonably requested and required by Tex. Ins. Code § 542.055 and that Defendant delayed payment of her claim for a period exceeding that stated in Tex. Ins. Code § 542.058 (a). She asserts her cause of action pursuant to Tex. Ins. Code §§ 542.058 and 542.060 for statutory damages and associated fees for delay in payment of her claim.

STATUTORY DAMAGES PURSUANT TO TEXAS BUSINESS AND COMMERCE CODE, DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES ACT

- 15. Plaintiff asserts her cause of action pursuant to Texas Business and Commerce Code, §17.50. She alleges that one or more proscribed actions of Defendant is a producing cause of economic damages or damages for mental anguish, namely
 - a. unconscionable action or course of action [$\S17.50$ (a)(3)];
 - b. the act(s) or practice(s) proscribed by Tex. Ins. Code §§ 541.061 and 541.061 and alleged herein [§17.50 (a) (4)].
- 16. Pursuant to Texas Business and Commerce Code §17.50 (b) (1) Plaintiff alleges that Defendant committed the alleged conduct knowingly and intentionally as those terms are defined in § 17.45 (9) and (13), respectively.

Request for relief.

- 17. Damages: Plaintiff has incurred damages, both past and future, because of Defendant's breach of contract and because of Defendant's refusal to perform the contract without just excuse, all of which she will prove.
- 18. Plaintiff has incurred statutory damages pursuant to Texas Insurance Code due to Defendant's

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Unfair Settlement Practices;
Misrepresentation of Insurance Policy;
Knowing commitment of the alleged act(s) alleged; and
Delay in payment of her claim.

19. Plaintiff has incurred statutory damages pursuant to Texas Business and Commerce Code, Deceptive Trade Practices Act, due to Defendant's

Commitment of one or more proscribed actions as alleged; and Commitment of the alleged conduct knowingly and intentionally.

- 20. Interest: Plaintiff is entitled to pre-judgment and to post-judgment interest.
- 21. Attorney fees: Because of Defendant's refusal to make payments pursuant to the Policy and other actions as alleged Plaintiff was obliged to engage an attorney to assist her in obtaining the benefits due to her; she claims attorney fees pursuant to Texas law, both Civil Practices and Remedies Code § 38.001 (8) and Texas Insurance Code § 542.060 and any other provision of Texas law. Plaintiff claims costs of suit and for such other relief as she is entitled.

Wherefore, Premises Considered, Plaintiff requests that she have judgment against Defendant for damages, statutory damages, pre-judgment interest, post-judgment interest, attorney fees, costs, and all other relief to which she may be entitled.

s/s
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